

followed in northern portion by falling temperature; rising barometer. Missouri Valley—Generally fair weather; north to west winds; rising barometer; nearly stationary, followed by a slight fall in temperature. Cautionary signals continue at Grand Haven, Ludington and Milwaukee.











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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.OLYMPIC—Barry and Fay, "Irish Aristocracy."  
GRAND—The Beggar Student.  
FOP'S—"The White Slave."  
PEOPLE'S—"The Hidden Hand."  
KIDNEY'S—"The Morning Glory."  
STANDARD THEATRE COMIQUE—Variety Opera.  
FIFTH ST. DIME THEATRE—In the 10th m.  
NATATORIUM—Nineteenth and Pine: Roller Skating.OUR CIRCULATION.  
The regular, bona-fide, circulation of the  
Post-Dispatch for the last week publication  
days was as follows:  
February 16, 30,690  
February 17, 30,740  
February 18, 30,540  
February 19, 30,970  
February 20, 30,650  
February 21, 31,550  
February 22, 31,740

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B. W. WOODS, Cashier.  
Notary Public.Our aboriginal friends in Manitoba are  
hastening the annexation of that province  
by making trouble. But before we annex  
Manitoba we want to know what to do with  
Dakota.The Municipal Assembly can not consider  
the franchise of one street railway to Forest  
Park without taking the whole question in-  
to consideration. But this applies only to  
the surface roads. The elevated road should  
stand on its own merits without regard to  
other enterprises.The rumor runs now that the Khedive is  
meditating a flight to Paris after the example  
of his father, Ismail. Egypt has got beyond  
all power of self-government, it is the driving  
diploamat of nations, and John Bull  
might as well lay aside his mock modesty  
and assume the guardianship.The most modest corporation of modern  
times is the Missouri Street Railway Com-  
pany. It objects to taking a route along a  
certain street, because, it says, "there is a  
fence across the street." Street railway  
companies that want to use streets are sel-  
dom stopped by so trifling an obstacle as a  
fence.There is a lack of culture about the Cin-  
cinnati medical colleges. All over the world  
college and body-snatching are irreconcil-  
able, but in cultured Cincinnati the medical  
colleges have developed such an enthusiasm  
for body-snatching that their Jerry Crunch-  
ers do not wait for people to die, and the  
medical professors cheerfully become ac-  
complices after the act.Is there no way of suppressing Bedford  
of Colorado? He has introduced a bill to  
appropriate the surplus revenue for the Rocky  
Mountains, another to apply the surplus to  
paying the salaries of Congressmen's  
secretaries, and now he wants the whole  
surplus to go to running a general preparatory  
school for a preliminary to West Point.  
If Bedford is a statesman, the rest of our  
statesmen are superfluous.The bill in Congress for the suppression  
of press pirates has already led to the  
obliteration of a firm of pirates in St. Louis.  
The firm was in the habit of stealing the  
copies of the POST-DISPATCH, selling it  
printed and stereotyped to the country  
dailies and then sandwiching in abusive  
notices of the POST-DISPATCH. There is  
something wrong in a system of legislation  
which punishes other forms of larceny and  
tolerates this kind of business.The fact that there was a tie-note in the  
Public Lands Committee last Saturday on  
the forfeiture of the "Backbone" land grant,  
is not susceptible of a pleasing explanation.  
Of all the villainous frauds in the shape of  
land grants, that "Backbone" grant is the  
worst one yet exposed. The line of projected  
road from New Orleans via Baton Rouge  
to Vicksburg, in aid of which the grant was  
made, was itself a fraud. There is no evi-  
dence that anybody ever intended to build  
it or took one step in that direction. We be-  
lieve there is no evidence that the grantee  
company ever had a legal existence. The  
composed of Senator BARNUM  
and his son, and it is believed that the  
process by which they transferred the grant  
to the New Orleans and Pacific Road would  
not stand a legal examination. But even if  
the company had legal life and the transfer  
was in other respects according to law, the  
fact of the matter remains that lands granted  
to build a railroad on the east side of the  
Mississippi from New Orleans up the river  
to Vicksburg cannot be earned by building  
a different road from the west bank of the  
Mississippi towards the Pacific. Perhapsthe five members voting against forfeiture  
are puzzled by the technical complications  
with which BARNUM'S premature in-  
structions to Secretary TELLER have sur-  
rounded the case. Perhaps, also, the land  
grab lobby is becoming more efficient and  
persuasive than it was a few weeks ago.FACTIONS.  
Mr. CONKLING'S alleged remark about the  
Republicans having shot their leaders in the  
face of the enemy shows a bad state of af-  
fairs in the Republican camp. But the Dem-  
ocrats are doing worse. Their leaders are  
fighting each other in the presence of the  
enemy.High-tariff Democrats are quoted as pre-  
dicting defeat if a tariff-reform Democrat is  
nominated. Tariff reformers say the party  
will be beaten if it does not go before the  
country on tariff reform. Protectionist Dem-  
ocrats say that agitation of the tariff ques-  
tion will be fatal.These conflicting opinions represent merely  
the rival interests of individuals. They  
should be laid aside in a campaign year.  
The Republicans have their conflicting  
opinions, but they do not insist on asserting  
them now to the injury of the party. With  
them it is not a question how they can pre-  
vent this man or that man from getting the  
nomination. They understand the importance  
of securing the vote of the whole party for  
any man who may be nominated.If our leaders merely lay us against each  
other, we may envy the Republicans and re-  
gret that we did not do as they did, when  
they shot their leaders but left the party  
united.FOR SALE.  
One feature of St. Louis which Mr.  
Barnum neglected to mention in his pleasant  
article on St. Louis in Harper's Magazine is  
the larger number of wayside tablets with  
the inscription, "For Sale." Every vacant  
lot in St. Louis sports at least one and some-  
times three or four of these decorations, and  
they give the stranger the impression that  
each inhabitant contemplates moving away  
as soon as he has sold his lot.Yet this is a great mistake. Nobody has  
any intention of moving away, and nobody  
wants to sell his lot. These wayside monu-  
ments serve for every other purpose except  
the one they announce. They advertise the  
fact that the owner of the lot is a miser and  
they furnish targets for schoolboys to throw  
stones at, they amuse the property owners  
and furnish them with an excuse for not  
building. Every one says: "If I were not  
going to sell that property I would improve  
it." As it is, he neither sells nor improves.Meanwhile, while three-fourths of the area  
of St. Louis east of Grand avenue is unin-  
proved, people are rushing west of Grand  
avenue in the vain desire to get away from  
each other, demanding grading and paving  
and curbing and guttering and sewers, and  
water and gas, and street cars and police,  
and engine houses and public schools. We  
have to meet all these expenses for an area  
three times greater than we occupy, and then  
wonder why taxes are high and real estate  
dull.Take down the signs and build up the vac-  
ant spaces.A CENSUS FRAUD.  
The extent to which corporation influence  
shapes or colors official work in this country  
appears even in the census report of railroad  
statistics for 1880. The total mileage at that  
time is put down at 87,801, and the total cost  
of construction and equipment at \$4,330,412,  
or an average of \$50.60 per mile.It is notorious that these figures represent  
not the actual cost alone, but also an amount  
of stealage and water almost equal to the  
cost. They represent the whole amount of  
stock and bond indebtedness which the man-  
agers can make the railroads carry, and on  
which they undertake to make the traffic pay  
liberal dividends. Take the Central Pacific  
for instance, which was built entirely with  
donations of public lands and loans of pub-  
lic money, the stockholders not paying a dol-  
lar for their stock. By organizing these loans  
into another corporation, a construction  
company, and letting the contracts to them-  
selves, they watered the indebtedness and  
cost of the road to an enormous amount,  
and besides levying tolls to yield big divi-  
dends on this amount, compelled the public  
in a few years to pay them enough additional  
to build another transcontinental line, the  
Southern Pacific. Through another corpora-  
tion, of which they are the sole members,  
the Western Development Company, they have  
smuggled the surplus earnings of the  
Central Pacific into different railroads upon  
which the Government has no lien for its  
loan to the Central Pacific, now amounting  
to \$30,000,000.Congress, with ample power expressly  
reserved to protect the Government from this  
swindle, and the traffic of the country from  
this outrageous extortion, has calmly per-  
mitted it to go on. And even in publishing the  
census reports, our Government sends out  
with its indorsement a statement of the cost  
of constructing railroads which is notori-  
ously fictitious and made only to sustain a  
gigantic system of fraud and extortion. The  
census, which has cost so much and has been  
so long forthcoming, gives us nothing but  
just such figures as the stock-waterers are  
willing to put forth in support of their as-  
serted right to charge "all the traffic will  
bear." It shows to what base uses they put  
our Government machinery, when they find  
that giving false and better information to  
railroad publications like Poor's Manual.A GREAT MANY people who might believe  
that the Water Gas Company was an honest  
concern are prevented from maintaining any  
such belief by the peculiar advertisements  
which that concern inserts in the Globe-Dem-  
ocrat. These advertisements appear under the  
thin disguise of "Interviews," and letters  
signed "Consistent," "One Consumer," etc.We do not care under what fraudulent pre-  
tenses the managers of the Water Gas Com-  
pany choose to advertise themselves. But  
when they undertake to reflect on the course  
of the Post-Dispatch, their impudence  
passes the limit of paid puffery. The course  
of the Post-Dispatch on this question has  
not only been directed by considerations of  
public welfare, but has been so manifestly  
open and above board as to justify itself. It  
is as far removed from the necessity of de-  
fense as it is from the reach of insinuation.  
We beg to remind the injudicious managers  
of the Water Gas Company that it is not the  
course of the Post-Dispatch which is under  
discussion, but the course of the Water Gas  
Company.THE METROPOLITAN PRESS.  
What the Editors of the New York Journals  
Are Saying to Each Other.By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
NEW YORK, February 25.—THE WORLD says:  
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Excursion Tickets bought and exchanged.

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pages, sent sealed, to cents, or at office.

An Indignant Victim.  
Mr. H. F. Kuykamp, merchant tailor at No.  
1221 Franklin avenue, states that on Saturday,  
the 16th, his place was robbed of a lot of cloth,  
and as he had suffered in a similar way two weeks  
before he concluded to invoke police aid. At the  
Third District Station he met with a very ugly  
rebuff from the officer in charge, who refused to  
listen to a statement which might have been valuable  
in hunting the thieves, and who said he would  
send an officer up to investigate. Mr. Kuykamp  
says that the officer did not come for over a week,  
and that the sergeant in charge of the precinct  
was heard to say that he believed Mr. Kuykamp's  
story about the robbery to be a fraud. He says that  
it was not till he finally called on Capt. Huber and  
told the matter before him that he received any consideration.

"Rough as Corns." For corns, warts and bunions, see  
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Think of it! A man's heavy suit for \$2 50; an  
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ALL trains on the Ohio and Mississippi Railway  
and on connecting lines east and south are  
being run regularly on time. No deviation on  
any account whatever.

### OUR NEIGHBORS.

Interesting Personal, Social and News Gossip  
from Neighboring Towns.

Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.

HAUNTING. Mo., February 24.—Mr. and Mrs. A. A.  
Maddox have been visiting Macdonald this week.  
—Miss Sule Berryman of Palmyra is the guest of  
Mrs. F. T. Taber. —Mrs. Bertie Gore and daughter,  
Miss Lena, are visiting relatives at Shreveport, La.  
—Alfred W. Lee, manager of the Muscatine (Iowa)  
Journal, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. L. J. Loomis.

—R. H. Hildebrandt, now of St. Louis, attended  
the ball masque promenade concert and banquet of  
the Knights of Pythias Tuesday evening. —Charles  
Holzschelaw has returned from St. Louis. —Miss M. B.  
Foster of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Annie Day of At-  
tenu, Ind., are visiting here. —Miss L. H. B. Foster  
of Philadelphia, Pa., is the guest of her cousin, Miss  
Helen Serrent. —Miss F. T. Ryan has been visiting  
her mother, Mrs. J. F. Ryan, at the residence of Mr.  
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### PERMANENT PLEASURE.

Ways of Spending Money on Music Which

Those people who attended the opera last week

and who will take the trouble to count up the ex-  
penses, will find that, for a few hours only of en-  
joyment, they have paid out comparatively large  
amounts of money. This enjoyment, however,  
which it may have been at the time, was fleeting,  
and when it was over there was nothing permanent  
left. It is a luxury, too, that the means of a  
majority of people will not permit them to enjoy  
frequently. To be kind, if expenditure on music  
is to obtain a lasting source of gratification,  
as, for instance, a fine music box, which is cap-  
able of producing good music. The Mermord &  
Jaccard Jewelry Company, at Fourth and Locust,  
have the most elegant stock of magnificent music  
boxes ever offered in this city. The reductions on  
the stock last week was so much appreciated by  
the public that it has been determined to extend  
the time at which the unusually low prices may be  
had. Splendid opportunities to purchase boxes  
are still therefore to be had, and near the boxes  
visitors desiring to examine and hear the boxes  
are cordially invited to call at the art rooms,  
where the most courteous attention will be shown  
them.

### City Drummers' Association.

The St. Louis City Drummers' Association met  
at their hall, Seventy street and Franklin avenue,  
Saturday evening, notwithstanding the fact that  
some persons claim that they are disbanded. Mr.  
McDonald, of D. G. Evans & Co., was elected to  
fill the unexpired term of president, that having  
been Mr. H. H. Ryan, with E. O. Stoddard  
Milling Company, was elected vice-president.  
The association is a flourishing condition, and  
judging from the letters received from wholesale  
houses for city salesmen, it shows that the  
organization, and recruit their forces from its ranks.

STUDY carefully MUSIC-BOX SALE  
Announcement, 814 page, of  
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It is of interest and profit to you.

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DUCED. Our aim is to make our Ready-  
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MANSHIP and TRIMMINGS to the Best

Custom-Tailored work. In the selection  
of materials, both FOREIGN and DO-  
MESTIC, only the Very Latest Designs  
are used by our manufacturers, and in  
our Cutting and Working Departments  
only the most EXPERIENCED TALENT  
is employed.

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